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25X1 Foreign Broadcast Information Service
London Bureau

London W. 1., England

25X1 Dear 25X1 25X1

All concerned here were pleased with the progress of negotiations as reported in your secret cable No. 20.

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After a conference with the Deputy Director it was decided to advise you that it was considered undesirable to send the survey team prior to actual agreement 25X1 In reaching this decision several factors were taken into consideration:

First, further serious personnel losses here in Washington, anticipated within a very few days, precludes sending a replacement to London for you except in an emergency. It is also believed 25X1 should remain in Washington to complete his restriction since considerable expense has been incurred to bring him here for that specific purpose.

Secondly, the Director will not approve of my leaving Washington prior to General Gibert's return.

Thirdly, it is believed that to proceed too far with our plans prior to final agreement to the financial phase of the arrangement might tend to indicate that we would be willing to pay 25X1 for our communication 25X1 For obvious reasons it is undesirable to give this impression at this stage of the negotiations.

It is hoped that the above objections to sending the team at this time will be overcome at an early date, and Colonel White has been instructed to make all the arrangements for their departure from Washington on short notice.

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Deputy Assistant Director
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